

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A nasal composition for treatment of cold and influenza viruses comprising pyroglutamic acid and an organic acid having a dissociation constant (pKa) value from about 3.0 to about 5.0 wherein the combination of said pyroglutamic and organic acids provides a surface pH of the nasal cavity tissue from about 3.5 to about 5.5, and wherein the nasal composition is a homogeneous liquid solution.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The composition of claim 1 wherein the pyroglutamic acid is at a level from about 0.01% to about 20% by weight of the composition.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 comprising from about 0.01% to about 10.00% by weight of an the organic acid.

Claim 4 (original): The composition according to claim 3 wherein the organic acid is selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, mono-, di-, tri-carboxylic acids and mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (original): The composition according to claim 4 wherein the organic acid is selected from the group consisting of salicylic, fumaric, benzoic, glutaric, lactic, citric, malonic, acetic, glycolic, malic, adipic, succinic, aspartic, phthalic, tartaric, glutamic, gluconic, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (original): The composition according to claim 1 comprising a mucoadhesive agent wherein the viscosity of the final composition is less than about 1000 cps wherein the composition has a pH of about 3.5.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 6 wherein the mucoadhesive agent is selected from the group consisting of carboxypolymethylene, carboxyvinyl polymers, homopolymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with an allyl ether of pentaerythritol, homopolymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with an allyl ether of sucrose, homopolymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with divinyl glycol, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A method for treating cold and influenza viruses wherein the method comprises the step of spraying into the nasal turbinates the composition according to claim 1.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A method for treating cold and influenza viruses wherein the method comprises the step of spraying into the nasal turbinates the composition according to claim 5.

Claims 10-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (original): The composition according to claim 1 comprising metal salts.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The compositions according to claim 20 wherein the metal salt is at a level from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the composition.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The compositions according to claim 21 wherein the metal salt is selected from the group consisting of acetates, ascorbates, chlorides, benzoates, citrates, gluconates, glutarates, lactates, malates, malonates, salicylates, succinates and combinations thereof.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 22 wherein the organic acid comprises from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the composition.

Claim 24 (original): The composition according to claim 23 wherein the organic acid is selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, mono-, di- and tri- carboxylic acids and mixtures thereof.

Claim 25 (original): The composition according to claim 24 wherein the organic acid is selected from the group consisting of salicylic, fumaric, benzoic, glutaric, lactic, citric, malonic, acetic, glycolic, malic, adipic, succinic, aspartic, phthalic, tartaric, glutamic, gluconic, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 26 (original): The composition according to claim 20 comprising a mucoadhesive agent wherein the viscosity of the final composition is less than about 1000 cps wherein the composition has a pH of about 3.5.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 26 wherein the mucoadhesive agent is selected from the group consisting of carboxypolyethylene, carboxyvinyl polymers, homopolymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with an allyl ether of pentaerythritol, homopolymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with an allyl ether of sucrose, homopolymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with divinyl glycol, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A method for treating cold and influenza viruses wherein the method comprises the step of spraying into the nasal turbinates the composition according to claim 20.

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Claim 29 (previously presented): A method for treating cold and influenza viruses wherein the method comprises the step of spraying into the nasal turbinates the composition according to claim 23.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A method for treating cold and influenza viruses wherein the method comprises the step of spraying into the nasal turbinates the composition according to claim 26.

Claims 31-53 (canceled)